

re:Vision
Reach Out to Love Your Neighbors
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Then Saul gave David his own armor—a bronze helmet and a coat of mail. David put it on, strapped the sword over it, and took a step or two to see what it was like, for he had never worn such things before. “I can’t go in these,” he protested to Saul. “I’m not used to them.” So, David took them off again. He picked up five smooth stones from a stream and put them into his shepherd’s bag. Then, armed only with his shepherd’s staff and sling, he started across the valley to fight the Philistine.” (1 Samuel 17:38-40 NLT)

1. Before we look forward, let’s look back.
 - January 1969
 - 14 people met at Grant & Jean Mueller’s home.
 - April 20, 1969
 - First Sunday worship service held.
 - September 1970
 - First Building Dedicated
 - July 2002
 - Lakeview Christian Church moves to OBT
 - The name changed to Journey Christian Church.
 - March 2010
 - Pastor John Hampton becomes the Lead Pastor of Journey
 - January 2014
 - Journey launches Mt Dora Campus
 - September 2018
 - Lake County Campus moves into its permanent facility.
 - 2019
 - We celebrated 50 years as a church.

Vision and Journey’s Future - **If you don’t see it before you see it, you’re never going to see it.**

“For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.” (Isaiah 43:19 NLT)

Journey Christian Church is a community of fully devoted followers of Jesus who **reach** out to love our neighbors, **serve** the hurting, and **develop** leaders for ministry.

Reach out to love our neighbors.

Serve the hurting.

Develop leaders for ministry.

We desire to **reach** people who are spiritually homeless, clueless, or closed off to God’s love and plan for their life.

“We don’t wait for people to clean up, grow up or show up. We go to them, crossing barriers to build bridges of authentic friendship. We enter their world with no expectation of who they should be, but with every hope for who they can become through Christ.” –Young Life Ministry

Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ (Matthew 22:37-39)

“But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” (Luke 10:33-36)

- A Samaritan comes by, sees him, and...
 - Takes pity on him
 - Bandaged his wounds
 - Put him on his own donkey
 - Took him to a motel
 - Took care of him
 - Paid for all his expenses

BLESS message:

Begin with prayer

Listen

Eat together –

We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God’s Good News but our own lives, too. (1 Thessalonians 2:8 NLT)

Serve

Share stories

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